

## Clinical Investigator Development Program

Application Deadline: October 15, 2009

Program Starts: July 1, 2010

The Center for Cancer Research (CCR) announces a training opportunity for physicians interested in dedicating their careers to clinical oncology research. The *Clinical Investigator Development Program* will link eligible clinicians to a vibrant, multidisciplinary research community of more than 250 talented CCR intramural scientists conducting cutting-edge research on the campuses of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda and Frederick, Maryland. The CCR is nationally recognized as a premier training ground for clinical research, which is conducted in the state-of-the-art Clinical Research Center.

### Goal and Objectives

The program goal is to assist board-eligible/board-certified translational researchers to transition from a mentored position to independent investigator in either laboratory-based or patient-oriented research so that they will be highly competitive for tenure-track appointments in academia or comparable positions in government and industry. Potential areas of interest include medical oncology, pediatric hematology-oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, surgical pathology or related specialties. Program objectives are to develop competence and skills in study design, protocol development and patient-oriented research; acquire knowledge related to the ethical and regulatory issues of conducting clinical research involving human subjects; gain direct experience with and develop strategies for the collection and management of research data; and learn about function, development, organization and leadership of a multidisciplinary research team.

### Program Provisions

Successful applicants will be awarded a 3-year appointment; competitive salary; dedicated laboratory space and budget; a full-time research support person; travel and training funds; access to an extensive infrastructure including research nursing, data-management support, animal facilities, core services and advanced technologies such as imaging/microscopy, protein chemistry and purification, mass spectrometry, flow cytometry, genomics and transgenics and knockout mice. An attractive federal government employee benefit package includes health, life and disability coverage, a retirement savings program and relocation expenses. Student loan repayment is possible through the NIH.

### Requirements

Program participants must successfully complete the courses *Principles and Practice of Clinical Research*, *Clinical Pharmacology*, and *Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Clinical Research*, or demonstrate competence in these areas; develop a research proposal within the first six months in collaboration with a mentor; and apply for an NIH Career Development Award (K mechanism) by the end of the second year. There will be an annual review of each participant's research program.

### Eligibility and Selection Process

Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and have completed subspecialty training at a U.S.-accredited institution in appropriate fields (e.g., medical oncology, pediatric hematology-oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, surgical pathology). Candidates will be recruited nationwide. Awardees will be selected competitively by a review committee, and there will be a mentoring placement process.

### Application Requirements

Applications must include a current *curriculum vitae*, complete bibliography, three letters of recommendation, academic transcripts, U.S. citizen or permanent residency documentation and a one-page description of research interests and goals and how these relate to the chosen field. Applications must be received by email at [moodyt@mail.nih.gov](mailto:moodyt@mail.nih.gov) by October 15, 2009. For more information contact **Terry Moody, Ph.D.**, at [moodyt@mail.nih.gov](mailto:moodyt@mail.nih.gov). Visit [http://ccr.cancer.gov/careers/clinical\\_training.asp](http://ccr.cancer.gov/careers/clinical_training.asp) to learn more about clinical training opportunities at the Center for Cancer Research.